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I. In the weeks since this paper has been prepared, Peiping has given no indication of reversing its policy of good relations with the colony.

A. In an effort to increase its influence among Hong Kong Chinese, the Chinese Communists have made available a new source of water supply for the colony.

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II. However, [redacted] the recent rash of Communist "serious warnings" (seven in recent weeks) against alleged intrusions into Communist-claimed air space by US aircraft entering the colony may presage an incident that will embarrass colonial relations with the mainland.

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A. The "warnings" may be an effort to create friction in US-UK relations or could be related to Peiping's claim to a 12 mile territorial waters limit.

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